

GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN VERDUN REGION HALTS FOR TIME AT LEAST

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Ceased and Official Re-
ports Do Not Indicate
Whether Germans Will
Rest Content or Not

MAY BE BRINGING UP BIGGER GUNS

Is Possible Are Planning to
Better Fortify the Points
Gained Before Resuming
Shelling of Points Nearer
Verdun

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
The Germans in the battle-scarred
region of Verdun continue their
bombardment west of the Meuse in the
region between Malancourt and Forges
across the river eastward about Vaux
and Dam Lép, and against French
trenches in the Woëvre region, south-
west of Verdun.

Their big offensive, however, so far
as infantry attacks are concerned, has
ceased, at least for the moment.
Whether it will begin again or whether
the Germans will rest content with the
points of vantage they gained is not
indicated in the official reports of
either Berlin or Paris.

Unofficial advices from Berlin have
stated that the German plan of cam-
paign has been primarily based on the
bombardment of sectors they desire to
attack, and it is possible they may
now be drawing up their big guns for
the capture positions with the object of
shelling points nearer their objective—
Verdun.

To the east of Verdun the French
have bombarded German positions
heavily in Le Prieux wood and near
Thiaucourt. Artillery duels have been
in progress in Alsace. There has been
no resumption of German attacks
against the French in the Champagne
region.

While nothing of especial importance
has taken place along the British
part of the line, the effect of the Ger-
man offensive in the Verdun region
is shown in the lengthening of their
front in order to release the French
for reinforcement of the army op-
posing the German advance. Unofficial
advices have placed the extreme south-
ern end of the British line in the re-
gion of Lens. The latest British of-
ficial communication reports the Brit-
ish fighting to the north of the Somme,
which would show that they have
stretched their front between thirty
and forty miles down to the region of
Amiens.

Little is going on in Russia except
isolated bombardments and infantry
attacks and air raids. On the Italian
front, Italians have occupied and con-
solidated an Austrian position on
Mount Harmolada. Elsewhere in this
region only artillery bombardments
have prevailed.

On the Asian battlefields the Rus-
sians continue their pursuit of the
Turks in the Caucasus region and in
Persia.

Germany, according to a dispatch
from Madrid, has sent an ultimatum to
Portugal demanding the release with-
in forty-eight hours of the interned
German steamers seized by Portugal.
A German aeroplane has dropped
bombs on the southeast coast of Eng-
land. No military damage was done.

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"SPLIT SALARY" TO GRAND JURY

Recommendation Is Made
State's Attorney Present
Report to Grand Jury

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
CHICAGO, March 1.—In submitting
a report on the split salary charges of
Mrs. Page Waller Eaton, superintendent
of the bureau of social surveys, against
her chief, Mrs. Louise Osborn
Rowe, head of the department of public
welfare, the committee on civil serv-
ice recommended to the city council
at its meeting tonight that the case be
submitted to the state's attorney.
Transcript of the testimony taken at
the committee's hearing of the charges
at which Mrs. Rowe declined to ap-
pear, accompanied the report, and the
committee urged that the state's at-
torney present the same to a grand
jury with a view to indicting if the
evidence submitted warranted such ac-
tion. An effort to suspend the rules
for the approval of the report failed,
and a motion to "defer and publish"
prevailed.

A number of questions as to the
power of the committee to summon
witnesses, impose oaths and the prob-
able judicial effect of such power, if
possessed, were submitted to the cor-
poration counsel as the result of the
committee's experience in its recent
split salary inquiry.

An ordinance providing for the clear-
ing of all cabarets was received from
the corporation counsel and referred to
the committee on judiciary.

The council meeting was the briefest
held in weeks, but much business was
transacted. The mayor was applauded
as he took the rostrum, as were the

TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER PREBLE IS DISABLED

SAN DIEGO, March 1.—While
steaming at a speed of 22 knots
on the drill grounds off this port
this morning, the torpedo boat de-
stroyer Preble was temporarily dis-
abled when the rudder snapped in
two. The Preble was able to enter
the harbor unaided and was berth-
ed while divers set at work repair-
ing the damage. It is believed the
destroyer will be able to complete
elementary torpedo practice with-
out going to Mare Island for fur-
ther repairs.

AN INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL RESERVE URGED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Legisla-
tive frame-work for a far-reaching in-
dustrial and technical reserve to sup-
port the nation's fighting lines in war
time was sketched into the house mili-
tary committee's preparedness program
today. It was suggested by Repre-
sentative Kahn of California as an
amendment to the provision in the
pending army increase bill for a quar-
termaster's corps reserve and was
adopted without objection.

The plan contemplates not only an
effort to enlist in the reserve in peace
times teamsters, mechanics, railroad
men, chauffeurs and other non-com-
batant forces necessary to an army,
but extends the scope of the reserve
system to include civilian aviators,
ordnance engineers, workers in mun-
ition plants, telephone and telegraph
operators and mechanics, civil engi-
neers and members of every other civil
profession or occupation whose ser-
vices would be useful to the army in
war.

It is understood a general authoriza-
tion will be included in the bill, the war
department being left to work out the
details in actual practice. Reserves of
this character would be regularly
enlisted as reserves for the fighting
arms, and would be liable for assign-
ment to duty by the war department
in time of war.

The committee worked all day, but
could not reach a final vote. It is ex-
pected the measure will be completed
tomorrow, but a new effort to increase
the proposed strength of the regular
army will precede the vote. The bill
has already been altered slightly in
this regard and now specifically pro-
vides a minimum strength of 140,000
men in peace times instead of the
former provision authorizing a peace
strength of 135,000, with an allowance
for recruitment designed to fix the
maximum at 142,000.

Another change, it is understood, will
be proposed tomorrow under which the
maximum peace strength would be
200,000 men, or just double the present
authorized army. Under this plan it
is contemplated to vest the president
with authority to bring the army up to
full authorized strength at any time.

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HAWKSHAW PAID FOR NEW RECRUITS

Guy D. Randall Says Money
Was Furnished By
Wealthy Australian

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
HONOLULU, T. H., March 1.—The
money used in purchasing the dis-
charge of more than 100 American sol-
diers and enlisting them in the British
army was furnished by J. J. Hawkshaw,
a wealthy Australian rancher, accord-
ing to Guy D. Randall, one of the
three men arrested on charge of com-
plicity in the alleged plot.

Hawkshaw, said Randall, left Hono-
lulu last Saturday on the Hilo liner,
Great Northern for San Francisco. He
is traveling, if not under an alias, at
least without ostentation, according to
Randall, who said Hawkshaw's name
would not be found on the liner's pas-
senger list.

Randall, when taken before United
States Commissioner George S. Curry
after his arrest last Sunday, was re-
ported to have told Curry the full de-
tails of the alleged conspiracy as far
as he knew them. It was from docu-
ments in Randall's trunk that the gov-
ernment learned that 156 recruits had
been secured and that 154 of them had
been sent to the front.

Randall and W. R. Seligson, two of
the three men arrested, are still in
jail. Jefferson, a former discharged
sergeant of the United States cavalry,
who was arrested with the others and
released on his recognizance, was said
to have entered the plot at the instig-
ation of the federal authorities.

RECORD VOTE IS DEMANDED AND NO COMPROMISE

President Wilson Definitely
Informs Congress Must
Go On Record for Or
Against Resolutions to
Warn Americans Off

HALT SUBMARINE NEGOTIATIONS

Will Not Accept Vote of
Confidence, As Might Be
Construed In Berlin That
President Lacks Support
of Congress

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Presi-
dent Wilson served notice on congress
tonight that he will consent to noth-
ing less than a record vote on the
anti-administration resolutions to
warn Americans off the armed ships
of European belligerents before he
goes on with the submarine negotia-
tions.

No compromise proposition such as
a vote of confidence in the president's
foreign policy will be acceptable. Such
an action it is held, might be con-
strued in Berlin as justifying the
support of congress and his own party
in his demands for a full observ-
ance of international law while its
only purpose would be to afford
members of congress a way to avoid
recording their positions before the
country on the straight out and out
question.

President Wilson made his position
clear to congressional leaders today
in unequivocal terms as the climax to
a day of confusion, uncertainty and
political maneuvering which marked
the opinion of his first real fight
with congress.

As if to emphasize that the presi-
dent absolutely refuses to continue
the negotiations with Germany until
the attitude of congress has been
settled, it was made known that the
United States does not consider the
latest assurances from Count von
Bernstorff, the German ambassador,
as broad or as satisfactory as those
originally given. No further step will
be taken, however, while the president
waits on congress. Meanwhile the
pending Lusitania agreement will not
be finally accepted.

The whole situation in congress,
confused by the president's call yes-
terday for a vote, was thrown into a
swirl today when at an early morn-
ing conference the president outlined
his position to Senators Stone and
Kern, and Representative Flood,
chairman of the foreign affairs com-
mittee of the house. Speaker Clark,
House Leader Kitchin and Acting
Chairman Poy of the house rules com-
mittee.

As soon as the delegation returned
to the capitol with news of what the
president had said, it was apparent
that some of the leaders who had se-
cretly supported the anti adminis-
tration forces and under administration
pressure had pocketed resolutions in
committee when there was danger of
their being adopted, realized that the
president and his friends had sud-
denly gained the whip hand. It was
plain that they at once devoted their
efforts to attempts to avoid a defeat
at the hands of the administration
forces by side tracking the main is-
sue and making the fight turn to a
vote on a resolution of confidence for
the president in which they could
join without compromising their po-
sition in support of warning Ameri-
cans to avoid belligerent armed ships.

Practically in control of the machin-
ery of the house, these leaders held
the situation in deadlock all day
while they conferred and sought for
some proposal which would satisfy
the president.

"C. P. O. MADHOUSE" CAUSES TRANSFER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SAN DIEGO, March 1.—Word was
received from Washington today that
Lieutenant H. J. Abbott of the cruiser
Raleigh has been transferred to the
destroyer Whipple, relieving Lieuten-
ant Francis D. Pryor as commanding of-
ficer of that vessel. The change, it is
believed in naval circles here, was or-
dered as a result of the recent dis-
affection among the Whipple's crew,
which reached a climax when mem-
bers of the enlisted personnel sur-
prisingly painted the inscription "C.
P. O. Madhouse," representing "Chief
Petty Officers' Madhouse" in big red
letters on the bow of the ship. The
incident was said to have been prompt-
ed by a desire of members of the crew
to "get even" with certain petty offi-
cers on the Whipple.

WHEAT EMBARGO TO BE LIFTED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
LINCOLN, Neb., March 1.—The Bur-
lington Railroad company tonight not-
ified the state railway commission that
it would lift the embargo on wheat and
it now ready to accept that grain for
shipment. For some time the road re-
fused shipments in Nebraska in order
to care for more pressing demands on
its rolling stock.

SUNDAY THEATRICALS DOOMED IN GOTHAM

NEW YORK, March 1.—A cam-
paign was begun tonight by the
corporation council's office in be-
half of the city against the Sun-
day theatrical performances, which
violate the city ordinances limit-
ing entertainments on that day to
sacred and educational concerts,
vocal and instrumental music, lec-
tures, addresses and recitations.
Suit was filed against the largest
theater in New York, alleging that
on February 20 a performance was
given which included "tragedy,
comedy, opera, ballet, farce, negro
minstrels, dancing and other pro-
hibited exhibitions." The penalty
is a fine of \$500 and the automatic
cancellation of the offending the-
ater's license.

WOULD PROMOTE BY SELECTION NOT SENIORITY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Promo-
tion of naval officers by selection in-
stead of by seniority, an increase of
50 per cent in officers of all grades,
creation of a war reserve list and
restoration of the popular old rank
of commodore are proposed in a bill
drafted by the navy personnel board
and transmitted to congress today by
Secretary Daniels. The measure, the
result of two years of study and work
by the board, is designed to increase
the efficiency of the service, put able
men in commanding positions at an
earlier age, and open the way for rise
of subordinate officers now virtually
barred from hope of promotion.

Under the plan, all officers above
the rank of lieutenant would be sub-
ject to promotion by selecting upon
passage of the bill, the selections be-
ing made from each grade by officers
of the ranks above.

The board reported that it was con-
vinced the system of promotion and
seniority must be abandoned.
"We believe," the report said, "that
the principal merit of the system we
recommend is that, having accepted
the principle that the navy itself
should do the selecting, we have car-
ried this out in a logical manner by
requiring in each case that as many
officers of the navy as possible take
part in this important work, so that
no officer passed over can feel or al-
lege that the prejudice of one or two
superiors has blasted his prospects."

Attached to the report is an ap-
pendix dealing with the need of the
marine corps, brought about by in-
creases in the navy personnel. This
proposes that the total number of en-
listed men of the marine corps shall
be increased to 20 per cent of the
total authorized strength of the navy
and that the number of marine corps
officers shall be four per cent of the
authorized number of enlisted men.

The war reserve contemplated in
the bill would be established by
transferring to the list officers who
attain the prescribed age in grade
without being selected for promotion.
Such officers would be assigned to
war stations for mobilization purposes
to which they might be detailed for
not exceeding two months each year.
They would receive graded pay based
upon their rank and years of service
at the time of their transfer from
the active list.

The bill makes 320 new places
above the grade of lieutenant and
provides that the number of lieuten-
ants of the senior and junior grades
and ensigns shall be governed only
by the output of the naval academy.
The increase from 400 to 720 in the
number of officers senior to lieuten-
ant is spread equally over a period
of five years and the flow of promo-
tion regulated to make it unneces-
sary to begin selection prior to July
1, 1921.

BUSINESS IS GOOD ALL OVER COUNTRY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Generally
good business conditions throughout
the country are reflected in reports of
federal reserve agents made public to-
night by the federal reserve board.
Growing scarcity of raw materials used
in many American industries is noted,
however, and the southern agents pre-
dict an increase on cotton acreage this
year unless steps are taken to pre-
vent it.

San Francisco reports there has been
little change in conditions. Imports
through that port for January exceed-
ed all previous records by \$12,000,000.
Seventy per cent of this was raw silk
and wool.

DIAZ EFFECTS UNDERSTANDING WITH ZAPATA

Nephew of Former Mexican
Dictator Will Have Zapata
and Followers of Villa
As Aides In His Proposed
Revolution

JUNTA ESTABLISHED AT EL PASO

Federal Authorities Who
Examine Many Refugee
Mexicans, Unable to Se-
cure Definite Informa-
tion of New Junta

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
EL PASO, March 1.—Felix Diaz, ne-
phew of the former Mexican dictator,
Porfirio Diaz, who is said to have land-
ed on the east coast of Mexico to
launch a new revolt, has effected an
understanding with Zapata and the fol-
lowers of Villa, according to friends
of the latter, who stated today that
conferences held here last week with
emissaries of Diaz had resulted in an
agreement between the leaders.

A junta, it was also stated, had been
established here, but federal officials
who examined a number of refugee
Mexicans suspected of being interested
in the movement, said they were un-
able to secure definite information con-
cerning its operations.

Villa followers declared that their
leader would co-operate with Diaz.
Villa previously had an understanding
with Zapata, Villa's principal desire, it
was said, was to overthrow Carranza,
and he would give or accept any aid in
accomplishing that purpose.

Villa partisans who took part in the
conference said they had been assured
that Diaz was amply provided with
funds to finance a far-reaching revolt
in Mexico, but that no proof was fur-
nished.

In retaliation for the summary exe-
cution of 200 of their comrades by
Carranza troops, Zapata soldiers op-
erating near the City of Mexico have
threatened to destroy the town of El
Oro, and kill all the inhabitants, in-
cluding twenty Americans, according
to a mining engineer who reached the
border today. Among the Americans
at El Oro are a number of women.

Troops of General Pablo Gonzalez
sent out to capture Cuernavaca, the
Zapata stronghold, were said to have
captured a detachment of Zapata sol-
diers near El Oro and to have taken
them into the town where they were
shot to death. Zapata immediately
sent word that he intended to destroy
the town and all its inhabitants.

Carranza officials here claimed that
Cuernavaca had been evacuated by
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GLYNN REPLIES TO ROOT IN KEYNOTE SPEECH OF NEW YORK DEMOCRATS

CALIFORNIA OFFICIALS TO ATTEND FUNERAL

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 1.—
Governor Hiram W. Johnson, John
Francis Heylen, chairman of the
state board of control, State Treas-
urer Friend W. Richardson, Adju-
tant General Charles W. Thomas,
Jr., Arthur P. Will, chief of the
state legislative council bureau,
and Paul Herriott, member of the
state board of control, left late to-
day for Los Angeles to attend the
funeral of the late Lieutenant Gov-
ernor John M. Eshleman, who died
suddenly at Indio, Riverside coun-
ty, last Monday.

SIX WEEKS MORE MEANT MILLION FOR DR. LYMAN

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
NEW YORK, March 1.—John Grant
Lyman, who was arrested several
days ago at St. Petersburg, Fla.,
where he fled from this city Feb-
ruary 8 after the discovery of an al-
leged oil stock swindle said to have
netted him more than \$300,000, was
returned here tonight in the custody
of government agents. Deputy United
States Marshal W. D. Vinzant of
Florida, who accompanied the party,
declared Lyman confided in him on
the way here that if he could have
operated six weeks longer as "John
H. Putnam & Co.," he would have
"cleaned up a million dollars."

Lyman, who it is believed was
about to leave for Spanish Honduras
on a motor boat when he was ap-
prehended, boasted that persons
throughout the country who "sent
their money to him for investment"
were above the average in intelli-
gence, and "that it was a pleasure
to him to know that he got the best
of them," according to Vinzant.

Lyman was locked up in the
Tomb on his arrival here. He will
be arraigned tomorrow in the federal
court on an indictment charging him
with illegally using the mails.

Lyman is quoted as stating that
his disappearance from New York
was not due to postoffice inspectors'
investigation of Putnam & Co., but
to the fact that Gotham Trusts of
Los Angeles, who was on his bond
of \$20,000 when he fled from Cali-
fornia two years ago after being
convicted there in a land fraud, was
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In Addition to Endorsing
Wilson's Administration,
Former Governor Assails
Root's Criticisms at Re-
publican State Convention

TO PRINT MILLION COPIES OF SPEECH

These, By Resolution of Con-
vention, Will Be Distrib-
uted Throughout the
Country By the Demo-
cratic State Committee

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 1.—In
keynote speech and platform, demo-
crats of New York state assembled
in informal convention tonight, rat-
ified the administration of President
Wilson and took steps to bring about
his re-election. Harmony marked the
convention's deliberations, every pro-
posal being unanimously adopted.

The following delegates at large to
the national democratic convention at
St. Louis were recommended for the
support of the party voters at the
spring primaries: United States
Senator James A. O'Gorman; Wil-
liam Church Osborn, chairman of the
democratic state committee; George
J. Meyer of Buffalo, a German-
American supporter of the president,
and Samuel Untermyer, a New York
attorney. The convention also adopt-
ed a resolution recommending the re-
election of Norman E. Mack of Buf-
falo as democratic national commit-
teeman.

The delegates to the national con-
vention, who comprise New York's
"big four," were pledged, but were
nominated with the understanding
that they are to work for a second
term for Mr. Wilson.

The keynote speech, delivered by
former Governor Martin H. Glynn,
as permanent chairman, aroused
much enthusiasm. In addition to
commending the actions of Mr. Wil-
son during his administration, it re-
plied directly to the criticisms of the
president and his foreign policies
made by former Senator Elihu Root
at the recent republican state con-
vention in New York.

At the conclusion of the speech the
convention adopted a resolution pro-
viding for the distribution by the
democratic state committee of 1,000,
000 copies throughout the country.

The platform expressed the faith of
New York's democracy in the presi-
dent, and urged his renomination
and re-election. It was adopted en-
thusiastically amid prolonged cheers,
it dealt solely with national issues,
and this.

mission, was the first witness on the
stand. Betts' testimony was mainly as
to rates on both inter-state and intra-
state hauls. He had prepared an ex-
haustive report, giving the rate per
mile per passenger on practically all
the railroads running between Chicago
and the coast. Betts was subjected to
a grilling examination by the repre-
sentatives of the different Arizona
roads. In spite of the fact that his re-
port was assailed from every possible
standpoint, he stuck by it through thick
and thin.

In the state's portion of the evidence
relative to the earnings of the Arizona
Eastern it was shown that this road
had lost \$70,000 in 1915, in the pas-
senger department. William Sangster,
secretary of the commission, testified
that the Arizona Eastern rates were
not high enough to pay what it cost
to carry each passenger. A table
showed that the road lost \$7,000 in 1914
and in 1913 the earnings were \$54,000,
which is \$11,000 less than a six per cent
return on the investment.

Bullard, attorney for the Arizona
Eastern, also maintained that the
losses of his road this year would go
well over \$300,000, due to the damage
sustained during the floods.

After this was made clear to the
commission Bullard stated that he was
ready to let the case of his road rest.
It was also brought out by Hardy,
with the assistance of Betts, that the
various roads carrying passengers
across the state, were charging more
for the intra-state traffic than for in-
ter-state, that is a passenger traveling
from one point to another in Arizona
was paying considerably more than
passengers traveling across the state.
In some cases, it was shown that in-
tra-state passengers paid less than one
cent a mile. W. C. Quasnow, attorney
for the Southern Pacific, was a little
inclined to take lightly the figures pre-
pared by Mr. Betts. Betts repeatedly
stated that his figures should be taken
for what they were worth, and that was
for the corporation commission to de-
termine.

Those who testified in addition to
Betts were: William Sangster, secre-
tary to the corporation commission;
C. M. Scott, superintendent of the Ariz-
ona Eastern, and Superintendent Wil-
liams of the Southern Pacific, of Tuc-
son.

Railroads Get Little From Passenger Traffic

That the Arizona Eastern has been
consistently losing money on its pas-
senger traffic for the past three years,
and that the loss is mainly due to com-
petition put up by auto stage lines,
was the outstanding feature of yes-
terday's hearing of the three-cent rate
case before the corporation commis-
sion.

CAN CORPSE MAKE AN "APPEARANCE"

Because Man Commits Sui-
cide Attempt Made to
Forfeit His Bail

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 1.—
Whether the bringing of a corpse into
court constituted an appearance was
the question presented to Police Judge
Henderson today, when the case of the
people vs. Charles Fraley was called.
Fraley, who committed suicide last
week, had been accused of assault with
a deadly weapon and released on bail
of \$250. Anticipating that when the
case was called for the preliminary
hearing that the court would make an
attempt to forfeit the bail, Attorney
Luke Howe had brought the corpse to
the court door in the coroner's wagon,
while Coroner Fenton appeared in the
court with the records of the inquest.

Judge Henderson seemed inclined to
take the view that he would prepare
the accused had voluntarily absented
himself from the jurisdiction of the
court.

The matter was taken under advisement
until March 6.

Fraley was accused of attack with
a deadly weapon on William Crowder,
as the result of a street fight, in which
the latter was stabbed.

FORTIFICATIONS PLANS NOT FOUND

Justice Department Official
Say Plans Not Found In
Prisoners' Rooms

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
NEW YORK, March 1.—Agents of
the department of justice announced
today that the investigation had failed
to confirm reports that plans of United
States fortifications had been discover-
ed in the rooms of Richard von Arend
and Rudolph von Kracht, arrested here
last night on a charge of conspiring to
use the mails to defraud through a sys-
tematic begging scheme. Maps of New
York and Philadelphia were found by
the agents, but it was stated that noth-
ing was discovered which would tend
to associate the defendants with the
international situation. The two men
explained the possession of German
war pictures by saying that friends
had sent them from Germany.

Von Arend and Von Kracht, who
claimed to be German army lieuten-
ants and University of Berlin grad-
uates, were held in \$5,000 bail each for
a hearing on Saturday. United States
Commissioner Houghton promised to
reduce the amount of bond if the de-
partment of justice did not uncover
evidence rendering them liable to pro-
secution on other than the charge of
misusing the mails.